

SENATE BILL 3568  
By Person, Curtis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-515, relative to social security numbers on documents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-515, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subsections thereto:

(b) Any person or the surviving spouse, attorney-in-fact, or court appointed guardian of such person, may request that a county register of deeds redact the person's social security identification number from any recorded document if such records are stored in a manner that permits redaction.

(c) The request for redaction of a social security identification number pursuant to subsection (b) shall be made on a paper, writing in a form substantially as follows:

REQUEST FOR REDACTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FROM ELECTRONIC DATABASES

1. Full name of individual whose social security number will be redacted as it appears on the document: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of person making the request if different than above:  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. If not the individual whose social security number will be redacted, identify the legal relationship that entitles you to make the request: (check one)
  - a. Surviving spouse..... \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Attorney-in-fact..... \_\_\_\_\_

c. Court appointed guardian.. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Type of record: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Book and page number or other reference identifying where the document is recorded in the \_\_\_\_\_ County Register's office:

Book No. \_\_\_\_\_ Page No. \_\_\_\_\_ or Instrument No. \_\_\_\_\_

6. Signature of person making the request: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Tennessee

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Personally appeared before me, \_\_\_\_\_ (person duly authorized to take acknowledgements in [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] county), the within named \_\_\_\_\_, with whom I am personally acquainted (or proven to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) and who acknowledges that such person executed the within instrument for the purpose of making a request of the register of deeds of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Tennessee, to redact a social security identification number from the aforementioned record, excepting microfilm records.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_

(signature of person taking acknowledgement)

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(d) The completed request form provided in subsection (c) may be recorded in the office of the county register of deeds where submitted. The register has no duty to inquire beyond the acknowledged request to verify the identity or authority of the person requesting the redaction.

(e) Upon recording the written request, the county register shall act in accordance with the request to redact the social security identification number from electronic databases in the office of the county register where practicable. If redaction is not practicable, the county register shall not record the request form and shall verbally or by writing explain why such redaction is impracticable to the person making the request.

(f) Subsections (b) through (e) apply only to counties having a population of not less than eight hundred thousand (800,000) according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.